

Date: November 2, 2006

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

New Hires: I am particularly pleased to inform you that two former Commission employees have agreed to rejoin our ranks. Retired Accounting Specialist Bill Marland has graciously agreed to return to work for us as a retired annuitant in the Enforcement Division where he has a long history of performing Political Reform audits. And John Symkowick, a Staff Services Analyst from the State Teachers Retirement System, who served us ably in several capacities until two years ago, has agreed to return to the Technical Assistance Division. Please join me in welcoming Bill and John back to the agency.

In addition, we have hired Michael McMillan as a student assistant to provide the Information Technology staff with an additional resource for user support. Michael has an extensive background in computer science, having most recently worked for Internet service provider LMi.net in Berkeley.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

In October, Technical Assistance Division staff handled the increased volume of calls leading into the election. The call volume is running upwards of 400 calls a day. In addition, staff was able to provide two outreach visits in Clovis and Chowchilla.

The Communications Office coordinated an October presentation for a group of 19 international journalists touring the U.S. to study our campaigns and elections. Chair Liane Randolph, Information Officer Jon Matthews, and political party representatives addressed the group.

The Legal Division worked on a collaborative project with the Institute for Local Government, staff of the Attorney General's office and others to develop a free on-line ethics training module to help local officials comply with the requirements of AB 1234. Our Information Technology staff and Communications Office also worked hard to get the training up online and available to the public. A link to the training can be found on our website.

C. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Code Adoptions and Amendments: Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Community Services and Development, California Department of
Sierra Nevada Conservancy

C. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Leno 2004 (1251065) A request to re-open the committee to pay audit fines as assessed by the FPPC was granted until January 31, 2007.

Friends of John Alden (1274732) A request to re-open the committee in order to collect contributions to pay for ballot statement fees was granted until March 15, 2007.

Team Noel 1998 (980051) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until March 7, 2007.